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Subject: CEQ FOIA FY2019-041 Date: March 22, 2019 at 6:58 PM To: foia@americanoversight.org



# Hi Clay,

Attached is an interim production of the records you asked for. A final response letter will be included when we send you the remaining documents. I estimate the remaining documents will be provided to you by the end of April.

Very Respectfully, Howard Sun Attorney Advisor Council on Environmental Quality Executive Office of the President Office: (202) 456-3621

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#### U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Ranking Member/Chairman James M. Inhofe (R-OK) Professional Staff

Jan. 2004-Aug. 2011

- Specialized in Transportation and Infrastructure issues, surface transportation spending, and management of the Highway Trust
- Managed Committee portfolio of issues to include acting as official liaison to EPA, DOT, Army Corps, Fish and Wildlife Service including oversight, regulations and enforcement.
- Advised Senator on regulatory implications and legislative concerns affiliated with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Endangered Species Act (ESA), and streamlining the permitting process for infrastructure design and construction.
- Negotiated the transportation reauthorization bill of 2005 (SAFTEA-LU:PL 109-59) through conference with the House of Representatives and final passage; focused on the federal gas taxes that contribute to the Highway Trust Fund and the formula funding for states, NEPA implications on highway construction, and project eligibility and financing.
- Served as Committee counsel at mark-up hearings, testifying to the legislative intent and application, for members.
- Routinely authored opening statements, floor speeches, and opinion editorials.

#### **EDUCATION**

The George Washington University, Washington, DC Bachelor's in Business Administration, Finance and International Business May 2003







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# EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

October 16, 2017

Viktoria Seale Deputy General Counsel Council on Environmental Quality 730 Jackson Pl NW Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ms. Seale:

This is an ethics waiver under the statutory standard 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1) to address your disqualifying financial interests. As you are the Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the authority to issue this waiver is delegated to me as the Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official (ADAEO). This waiver is issued to allow participation in particular matters occurring in the future, and not for past conduct.

The criminal conflict-of-interest statute, 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), prohibits Executive Branch officers and employees from participating personally and substantially in any particular matter that will have a direct and predictable effect on their financial interests or the financial interests of any spouse; minor child; general partner of a partnership in which they are a general or limited partner; organization in which they serve as an employee, officer, director, partner or trustee; or person or organization with which they are negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment, unless he or she is granted a waiver is pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1) or qualifies for a regulatory exemption under 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). The term "particular matter" includes only matters that involve deliberation, decision, or action that is focused on the interests of specific persons, or a discrete and identifiable class of persons. 5 C.F.R. § 2635.402(b)(3). The term may include matters that do not involve formal parties and may extend to legislation or policymaking that is narrowly focused on the interests of a discrete and identifiable class of persons, including a particular industry, but does not cover "consideration or adoption of broad policy options that are directed to the interests of a large and diverse group of persons." *Id.* Under 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), an agency may permit an employee to participate in a matter in which he or she has an otherwise disqualifying financial interest, if it is determined that the disqualifying is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the employee's services to the Government.

You currently serve as Deputy General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel of the Council on Environmental Quality. You are the acting General Counsel in the absence of the General Counsel. In that position you are responsible for all legal work



and advice required to enable CEQ to fulfill its mission to advise and assist the President in protecting the environment and public health and meeting the conservation, social, economic, and health goals of the Nation. Specifically, your responsibilities include:

- Managing and overseeing the work of CEQ's Attorney Advisor, other governmental employees in the Office of General Counsel, and law personnel.
- Acting as a legal and policy advisor to officials in the CEQ and working with officials of other components within the EOP.
- Assisting in managing CEQ's initiatives and formulating policies related to both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental laws.
- Representing CEQ in interagency matters including, but not limited to, the interagency review of agencies' regulations during the rulemaking process.
- Assisting in preparing Congressional testimony, responding to Congressional requests, and analyzing proposed legislation related to both NEPA and other environmental laws.
- Providing advice and interpretations of NEPA and other environmental statutes and carrying out assigned legal functions under CEQ's regulations implementing NEPA.
- Serving as the Chief Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer and the DAEO and providing advice on FOIA and the Federal Records Act.
- Working with senior officials at the Department of Justice (DOJ) to formulate positions on NEPA and other environmental issues in litigation that represents CEQ's positions in conjunction with the client agency's interests.
- Representing CEQ as counsel in litigation when CEQ is a defendant. Identifying and gathering pertinent information, prepares litigation reports for DOJ, responding to discovery requests, working with DOJ and other agency attorneys to coordinate responses in multi-party suits, and assisting the Chair or CEQ staff with related activities.
- Providing advice to the Chief of Staff, the Administrative Officer, and others on legal issues associated with in-house procedures (i.e., hiring, contract work, Federal Advisory Committee Act issues, etc.).

As Deputy General Counsel, your duties would require that you participate in the following types of particular matters:

• Particular matters of general applicability as they apply to organizations in the energy sector, including rulemaking, policy shaping, and providing legal advice such that the financial interests of one of these organizations is affected.

You have fully disclosed to me your disqualifying financial interests in your new entrant public financial disclosure filing for 2017, plus supplemental documents you provided me, and I am your certifying official for this report.

Your spouse has a vested beneficial interest in an irrevocable family trust, and his status as a beneficiary of the trust predates your marriage. Because the financial interests of your spouse are imputed to you under 18 U.S.C. § 208, you may not, in the absence of a waiver, participate personally and substantially in particular matters that would directly and predictably affect the trust's holdings. You are seeking a waiver in order to



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participate in particular matters of general applicability that affect the trust's holdings in the energy sector.

Your spouse is one of six beneficiaries of this trust, and he receives mandatory net income distributions that are required to be distributed not less frequently than quarterly. Distributions to your spouse have averaged approximately \$4,700 per quarter in the past two years. Last year, distributions to your spouse represented 8.8% of the combined income of you and your spouse. Neither you nor your spouse has control over the distributions. That is, your spouse is only a beneficiary and not a trustee.

The trust's \$3 million portfolio currently includes eight publicly traded stocks in the energy sector<sup>1</sup>, which make up less than 18% of the trust's total value. The trust's energy holdings that necessitate this waiver constitute a minority of your total investment portfolio. Using a good-faith approximation based on present circumstances, your spouse's interest in the trust's energy-sector holdings represents 11% of the net investment portfolio of you and your spouse.

In determining whether a financial interest is not so substantial as to affect the integrity of an employee's Government services, the following factors may be taken into consideration: (1) the type of financial interest creating the disqualification; (2) the identity of the person whose financial interest is involved, and if the interest is not the employee's, the relationship of that person to the employee; (3) the dollar value of the potential gain or loss that may result from participation in the particular matter; (4) the value of the financial instrument or holding from which the disqualifying financial interest arises and its value in relation to the individual's assets; (5) the nature and importance of the employee's role in the matter, including the extent to which the employee is called upon to exercise discretion in the matter; and (6) other factors including the sensitivity of the matter, the need for the employee's service in the particular matter, and adjustments that could be made in the employee's duties that would eliminate or reduce the likelihood that the integrity of the employee's services would be questioned by a reasonable person. See 5 C.F.R. § 2640.301(b).

The nature of your role as a Deputy General Counsel of CEQ is to provide legal advice, suggestions, recommendations, comments, opinions, and warnings. You will not normally be a final authority for agency decisions and actions in particular matters of general applicability. Your services are necessary in the conflicting particular matters. Currently, you are one of two non-detailed attorneys in the Agency, and you are the most senior attorney in the Agency. Therefore, a recusal for these conflicting particular matters is not practicable in the long term.

Your conflicting particular matters are matters of sensitivity. Topics like energy and environmental regulation are particularly delicate. I have taken this into consideration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These holdings are: General Electric (GE), Atmos Energy Corp. (ATO), Enterprise Products Partners L.P. (EPD), Exxon Mobil Corp. (XOM), Genesis Energy LP (GEL), Kinder Morgan, Inc. (KMI), Plains All American Pipeline LP (PAA), and 3M (MMM).



Divestiture of holdings in your spouse's partial interest in a family trust is not practicable. Neither you nor your spouse has control over the family trust held by your spouse and five other beneficiaries to the trust. Neither you nor your spouse are the grantors nor the trustees of this irrevocable trust. Neither you nor your spouse has control over the mandatory net income distributions.

For these reasons, I determine that your aforementioned disqualifying financial interests are not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of your services, and issue this waiver. This waiver is only applicable for you to participate in particular matters of general applicability affecting the trust's current and future holdings in the energy sector, subject to the limitations set forth below. You are still obligated to recuse yourself from working on particular matters involving specific parties where a conflicting entity is a party.

This waiver is contingent on your spouse's current status as one of six beneficiaries of the trust. Should this status change, you are required to obtain a written re-evaluation of this waiver. Further, you are required to obtain a written re-evaluation of this waiver if the percentage of energy sector holdings in the trust exceeds 15% of the net investment portfolio of you and your spouse. In the event that you are required to obtain a written reevaluation, this waiver will remain in effect until you are notified of the determination made by the ethics official. The U.S. Office of Government Ethics has been consulted regarding this waiver, and a signed copy of this waiver will be provided to that office.

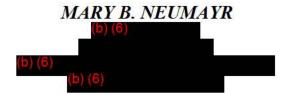
Sincerely,

Howard Sun

Attorney Advisor

Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official





# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Currently Deputy Chief Counsel for the Energy and Environment Subcommittees of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Prior government experience includes senior legal positions at the Department of Energy and Department of Justice, managing legal teams and counseling and representing client agencies in energy and environmental litigation and regulatory matters. Prior private sector experience includes commercial litigation and regulatory practice with two large multinational law firms.

# U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC (2009-Present) COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

## Deputy Chief Counsel, Energy and Environment, Majority Staff

- Advise Chairman, Members and staff on energy, environment and climate legislation, programs and policy.
- Lead counsel for Clean Air Act stationary source issues, including for energy and industrial sectors.
- Counsel for 15 Clean Air Act related bipartisan bills or resolutions passed by House of Representatives.
- Planned and staffed over 40 hearings on Clean Air Act issues, including briefing Members, preparing memoranda and legal analyses, witness selection, and developing record materials.
- Support Committee's oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency, Dept. of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission and other energy related boards and agencies.
- Provide legal support to Members of Congress in connection with energy and climate litigation, including
  preparation of Congressional amicus curiae briefs in AEP v. Connecticut and West Virginia et al v. EPA.
- Led international Congressional staff delegations relating to energy and climate matters.

# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, Washington, DC (2006-2009)

### Deputy General Counsel for Environment and Nuclear Programs

**Lead Counsel, Yucca Mountain Project** (Project to develop national nuclear waste repository and transportation system)

- Supervised 40 lawyers and paralegals.
- Managed three groups of attorneys for the following areas: Environment, Civilian Nuclear Programs, and International and National Security Programs.
- Counseled Secretary, Deputy Secretary and DOE program offices on environmental, civilian nuclear, international, defense and national security activities and programs.
- Chief government lawyer for all aspects of \$96 billion Yucca Mountain Project, including management of legal team of agency lawyers and outside counsel.
- Supervised legal teams in connection with environmental compliance matters and litigation, environmental
  impact statements, international agreements, and rulemaking activities.
- Led procurement for outside counsel, managed outside legal services contracts, and served as a Contracting Officer's Technical Representative.



### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Cont'd)

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, DC (2003-2006)

# Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division

- Provided management support for Division of 650 lawyers and staff.
- Supervised Environmental Enforcement, Environmental Defense and Appellate Section litigation involving NEPA, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, CERCLA and other statutes.
- Successfully represented federal agencies in significant litigation and enforcement matters, including cross-border pollution litigation involving Canada and Mexico.
- Participated in development of Clean Air Act rulemakings and related litigation.
- Member of team achieving first settlement in Indian tribal trust litigation.

## LEBOEUF, LAMB, GREENE & MACRAE, San Francisco, CA (1996-2003)

# Senior Counsel, Litigation and Insurance Regulatory Departments

- Managed energy, insurance and general commercial litigation, including litigation matters in cross-border dispute over long-term natural gas supply contracts.
- Member of legal team successfully resolving multidistrict litigation involving more than 50 consumer fraud magazine sweepstakes class actions nationwide.
- Contributor to establishment of the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims.

# **COUDERT BROTHERS,** San Francisco, CA (1993-1996), New York, NY (Summer 1988, 1989-1992), **Associate, Litigation and Antitrust Departments**

- Managed antitrust, intellectual property and general commercial litigation, including high technology monopolization and infringement cases.
- Member of trial teams successfully defending client in two multi-million dollar nuclear power plant construction alleged price fixing and racketeering cases.
- Won dismissal in multi-million dollar antitrust case involving marketing of California water rights.

### **THE WHITE HOUSE**, Washington, DC (Summer 1987)

# Legal Intern, Office of Counsel to the President

- Preparation for U.S. Supreme Court confirmation hearings.
- Research and preparation of legal memoranda and Presidential correspondence.

# **EDUCATION**

### **University of California**

# Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA

- Juris Doctorate, May 1989
- Note Editor, *Hastings International & Comparative Law Review*

# Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, CA

- Bachelor of Arts, June 1986
- Major: Classical Liberal Arts



## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York (1990) District of Columbia (1991) California (1993)

## **COURT ADMISSIONS**

- U.S. Supreme Court
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- U.S. District Courts for California (Northern, Eastern, Southern and Central Districts)
- U.S. District Court for Southern District of New York

<u>AWARDS:</u> Secretary of Energy Achievement Award for contributions to Yucca Mountain Project (2009); Commendation Letters from the U.S. Department of Defense General Counsel and the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness for contributions to ensuring military readiness (2005).

ARTICLES: An Examination of the Criminalization of Commercial Activity, Corporate Responsibility Project, The Federalist Society of Law & Public Policy (July 2002); Practice and Procedure in Obtaining Antitrust Clearance in the United States, European Competition Law Review, Vol. 16 (July/August 1995); Water Marketing/Transfers and the Antitrust Laws, Cal. Water Law & Pol. Reporter, Vol. 4 (October 1993); Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act: An Analysis, Hastings Int'l & Comparative Law Review (Spring 1988).

# **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Professional Staff Volunteer, 2012 Republican National Convention Platform Committee, Subcommittee on Energy, Agriculture and Environment, Tampa, Florida, August 2012

President, San Francisco Lawyers Chapter, Federalist Society, 1997-2002, and Member, 1995-Present



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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.** THE WHITE HOUSE. *Senior Presidential Speechwriter.* (Feb 2017 to present)

# PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Policy Institutes—American Enterprise Institute (Senior Researcher & Writer, Global Internet Strategy, Feb 2016-Dec 2016); Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (Senior Fellow and Center Director, Dec 2015-Feb 2017); Texas Public Policy Foundation (Senior Fellow and Center Director, July 2010-May 2015); Foundation for Defense of Democracies (Fellow, 2006-2007). Federalist Society Speaker.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT SERVICE**—Senator Ben Sasse (Prof. Staff, May-Oct 2015, for special project on presidential powers); U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee (Counsel, 2007-2009); Department of Defense (Special Assistant, 2005-2006).

ACADEMIA—New York University School of Law (Fellow, Classical Liberal Institute, 2013-present); George Mason University School of Law (Adjunct Professor); University of Texas School of Law (Adjunct Professor, 2014).

PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE—Michael, Best & Friedrich, Madison, WI (2002); Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Mawe, New York City (2000-2001); Martinez, Odell & Calabria, Puerto Rico (1998-1999).

**TELEVISION, RADIO, AND PRINT MEDIA**—Contributor to *National Public Radio*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *National Review, Weekly Standard, Fox News*, *CNN*, *Al Jazeera*. (2004-present). Select publications below.

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW: J.D. 1998 (Order of Barristers)

University Of Wisconsin/Madison: B.A. European History 1995

Languages: Fluent Spanish and French. Some German, Portuguese, Italian

Admitted to Practice Law in New York State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States



#### SELECTED MAJOR PUBLICATIONS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

Wisconsin not Washington, Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, July 2016.

Back to Work: Freeing Puerto Rico's Labor Market from Stifling Federal Regulation, LIBRE Institute, July 2016.

An American Strategy for Cyberspace: Advancing Freedom, Security, and Prosperity, American Enterprise Institute, June 2016.

Twilight of the Climate Change Movement, The American Interest, March 31, 2016 (major survey of the science and politics of climate change).

Sugar Shakedown: How Politicians Conspire with the Sugar Lobby to Defraud America's Families, Heritage Foundation, July 2014.

The Need for Nuclear Regulatory Reform, Texas Public Policy Foundation, Jan 2014. Loosening the Federal Straightjacket: How the NLRB Decision Affects Federal Funds in State Budgets, Texas Public Policy Foundation, October 2013.

*EPA's Unprecedented Power-Grab*, National Affairs, Spring 2015 (Clean Power Plan). *Saving Federalism*, National Affairs, Summer 2014 (with Richard A. Epstein).

Farmer's Market: How Texas Can Save the Endangered Species Act, The American Interest, Jan-Feb 2014.

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#### FEDERAL APPEALS COURT BRIEFS AND FEDERAL REGULATORY FILINGS

Gloucester County School Board v. G.G., in the Supreme Court of the United States (2016). Principal author, brief supporting school board in Title IX case, on behalf of Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty.

The Aransas Project v. Shaw, in the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (2013). Principal author, brief supporting Texas on the Endangered Species Act, on behalf of Texas Public Policy Foundation.

*NFIB v. Sebelius*, in the Supreme Court of the United States (2012). Principal author, with Prof. Richard A. Epstein, of three amicus briefs supporting the states in case involving constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, on the individual mandate, Medicaid, and severability, resp., on behalf of Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Florida v. HHS, in the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2011). Principal author, brief supporting the states in case involving constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, on behalf of Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units (December 1, 2014). Principal author of comments on EPA's proposed Clean Power Plan, on behalf of Texas Public Policy Foundation.



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  variety of industry stakeholders across construction, private equity, public and private infrastructure owners and operators,
  freight and passenger transportation services, and logistics and warehousing sectors.
- Lobbied Congress and executive branch agencies on all transportation and infrastructure legislative and regulatory matters to include infrastructure development, funding, finance and management, federal authorization, budget and appropriations, environment, energy, labor, international trade, and homeland security issues.

# U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Ranking Member/Chairman James M. Inhofe (R-OK) Professional Staff

Jan. 2004-Aug. 2011

- Specialized in Transportation and Infrastructure issues, surface transportation spending, and management of the Highway Trust Fund.
- Managed Committee portfolio of issues to include acting as official liaison to EPA, DOT, Army Corps, Fish and Wildlife Service including oversight, regulations and enforcement.
- Advised Senator on regulatory implications and legislative concerns affiliated with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA);
   Endangered Species Act (ESA), and streamlining the permitting process for infrastructure design and construction.
- Negotiated the transportation reauthorization bill of 2005(SAFTEA-LU:PL 109-59) through conference with the House of Representatives and final passage; focused on the federal gas taxes that contribute to the Highway Trust Fund and the formula funding for states, NEPA implications on highway construction, and project eligibility and financing.
- Served as Committee counsel at mark-up hearings, testifying to the legislative intent and application, for members.
- Routinely authored opening statements, floor speeches, and opinion editorials.

### **EDUCATION**

**The George Washington University,** *Washington, DC*Bachelor's in Business Administration, Finance and International Business

May 2003





# EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 19, 2019

Mr. Austin Evers American Oversight

Email: foia@americanoversight.org

#### VIA EMAIL

Re: FOIA Request FY2019-041 Final Response

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in final response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552 that you sent to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). You have sought the following:

- 1. Records sufficient to identify all employees who entered into a position at the agency as "political appointees" since January 20, 2017, and the title or position of each employee (to the extent that such individuals have held multiple titles or positions since January 20, 2017, identify each title or position). For purposes of this request, please consider any employee in a PAS position, a presidentially-appointed position, a non-career SES position, a Schedule C position, or any administratively-determined position to be a "political appointee."
- 2. Records sufficient to identify all career employees who have been detailed into a leadership office or component front office since January 20, 2017; the title or position of each employee while on detail; and each employee's originating agency or component, and prior title (to the extent that such individuals have held multiple titles or positions since January 20, 2017, identify each title or position).
- 3. Names and resumes of anyone from the transition teams or beachhead teams who have joined the agency in full-time capacity, either as career, political, or administratively determined positions since January 20, 2017. For the purposes of this request, please include any employee who previously had a temporary or provisional appointment at the agency before January 20, 2017, and took on a permanent appoint after that date.
- 4. For each individual identified in response to requests 1 to 3:
- a. The resume provided by the individual to the agency in connection with determining the appropriate salary for the individual, or, if that is not available, a recent resume contained within the agency's records. We have no objection to the redaction of contact information (addresses,





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telephone numbers, e-mail addresses) for the employee or references, or to the redaction of past salary information. Employment, education, and professional association information is not exempt and we object to any redactions of such information.

- b. Any conflicts or ethics waivers or authorizations for the individual, including authorizations pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502.
- c. Records reflecting any recusal determination made or issued for the individual.
- d. Copies of any SF-50 forms for the individual reflecting any change in position or title, including when the employee enters or leaves a position. We have no objection to the redaction of home addresses, telephone numbers, or social security numbers from the SF-50s.

CEQ conducted a search for responsive documents and the search found 29 pages of documents responsive to your request, some of which were produced to you in an email on March 22, 2019, and the rest of which is enclosed. We have determined that exemptions be applied in 49 redaction instances pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), which protects information from disclosure that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, social security numbers, personal addresses, date of birth, and previous salaries were redacted.

This release constitutes a denial in part. Release of this information does not foreclose CEQ from alter claiming an exemption or privilege with regard to any similar documents in response to a subsequent FOIA request.

We expect that you are satisfied with the action on this request. You may challenge the adequacy of the search by submitting a written appeal within ninety (90) calendar days to <a href="mailto:efoia@ceq.eop.gov">efoia@ceq.eop.gov</a>. Appeals may also be sent via facsimile to (202) 456-0753 or via U.S. postal mail addressed to: FOIA Appeals Officer, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President, 730 Jackson Place NW, Washington, D.C. 20503.

You may obtain additional information by contacting me by email or telephone. Also, you have a right to seek assistance or dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Their webpage is <a href="https://ogis.archives.gov/">https://ogis.archives.gov/</a> and their phone number is (202) 741-5770.

Sincerely,

Howard Sun

FOIA Public Liaison

Attorney-Advisor

Council on Environmental Quality

Email: <a href="mailto:efoia@ceq.eop.gov">efoia@ceq.eop.gov</a>



# Christopher Damian Prandoni

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### Relevant experience

Associate Director for Natural Resources, Council on Environmental Quality 2017-Present

- Advises the Chairman, Chief of Staff, and other senior official in other EOP components on highlight complex policy matters related to natural resources.
- Coordinates natural resources policy with other EOP components and Federal agencies.
- Develops a wide range of documents including presidential executive orders and other directives, memoranda, agreements, correspondence, talking points, fact sheets and other materials.
- Prepares Congressional testimony, assists in responding to Congressional requests and analyzing proposed legislation on natural resource conservation and management.

# Legislative Assistant, Senator Mike Lee

2015-2017

- Advised Senator Lee on energy, environment, public lands, and transportations issues.
- Staffed Senator Lee on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and draft bills and amendments focused on natural resource development and multiple-use of public lands.
- Negotiated the Public Lands Initiative, which would impacted 18 million acres of land in Utah, with the Obama Council on Environmental Quality and Department of the Interior.

# Director of Energy and Environment Policy, Americans for Tax Reform

2013-2015

- Increased ATR's energy sector contributions by 300% between 2010-2015.
- Wrote over 50 op-eds for *Investor's Business Daily*, *Forbes, Washington Times*, *Washington Examiner*, *Daily Caller*, *Townhall*, and spoke regularly on talk radio.
- Worked with Congress and state legislators to reduce severance and corporate income taxes and reform energy regulations to foster economic growth.

# Opinion Contributor, Forbes

2014-2015

• Distilled complex energy issues into 800 word op-eds.

# Federal Affairs Manager, Americans for Tax Reform

2010-2013

- Spoke on panels in front of a variety of audiences, from industry representatives to activists.
- Organized conference calls and draft papers to explain energy regulations to conservatives.
- Built and preserved relationships between an activist base and influential policy makers.

# Government Affairs Associate, Americans for Tax Reform

2009-2010

• Prepared issue briefs and drafted letters supporting or opposing federal and state legislation.

### **Education**

# Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, Washington College of Law

2014-2018

- Passed Maryland bar exam, awaiting admission to bar in December 2018.
- American University Law Review.

Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations and Advertising, DePaul University

2005-2009



#### DANIEL J. SCHNEIDER

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# Committee on Energy and Commerce, Chairman Greg Walden (Oregon-02) (6)

Washington, DC

Press Secretary, January 2017-Present

- Communicate with reporters both on/off-the-record and on background.
- Committee's primary spokesman for the Energy and Environment Subcommittees.
- Assist in developing messaging for the chairman's agenda while working closely with policy and communications staff.
- Draft opinion pieces, speeches, member quotes, talking points, and floor/opening statements.
- Work closely with committee communicators to ensure we're all on message in my issue areas.
- Efficiently work committee press matierals through approval process in a timely manner.
- Continue to actively work with reporters and market the committee's press materials to a wider audience.

# Committee on Energy and Commerce, Chairman Fred Upton (Michigan-06) (b) (6)

Washington, DC

Press Secretary, June 2015-December 2016

- Served as primary spokesman for the committee on all energy, environment, auto safety, and telecommunications issues.
- Established relationships with reporters covering issues within the committee's jurisdiction.
- Drafted press releases, member quotes, opinion pieces, talking points, and opening statements.
- Worked with policy staff to accurately message the committee's agenda.
- Coordinated with the communications team to formulate and implement a comprehensive communications plan to effectively advance the committee's agenda.

# Office of Congressman Bill Johnson (Ohio-06) (6)

Washington, DC

Press Secretary, November 2013-May 2015

- Drafted Congressman Johnson's press releases, op-eds, talking points, one minutes.
- Assisted in the drafting of Rep. Johnson's national media materials.
- Managed Congressman Johnson's digital media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Website).
- Established relationships with national television/radio bookers/producers to advance the Congressman's message.
- Coordinated office mass communications (teletown halls, mass mailers, e-newsletters, 499s).
- Formulated strong relationships with legislative staff to ensure our communications plan was efficiently run.

#### **EDUCATION**

# **Ohio University**

Athens, OH

College of Arts & Sciences, Department of Political Science, September 2007- November 2011

Bachelor of Political Science (B.S.)



# **Katherine Smith**





## Professional Experience

# Executive Office of the President, Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, DC

July 2017-present

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff

- Serve as administrative lead for the Council, including scheduling, materials organization, correspondence and management
  of the Council's internship program
- · Assist senior staff with environmental and infrastructure policy development, implementation, and coordination
- Work with the Council's NEPA and Infrastructure teams on special projects including creation of a database that identifies all administrative categorical exclusions across the Federal government
- Review regulatory agendas and rulemakings relating to infrastructure development
- Serve as White House Liaison for the Council

#### Mary Taylor for Governor, Columbus, OH

December 2016-June 2017

Finance Coordinator

- · Responsible for research, outreach, and development of relationships with hundreds of prospective donors
- · Planned and developed calendars, events, budgets, and financial timelines for the candidate and senior staff
- Coordinated strategy and prepared the candidate for direct outreach to political and financial supporters

#### Ohio Republican Party, Columbus, OH

September 2016-November 2016

Victory Field Organizer

- Managed volunteer recruitment and voter outreach training for Election Day Operations in Franklin County
- Organized and managed hundreds of volunteers for Franklin County's grassroots deployment program
- Developed field staff strategy for volunteer deployment based on personal analysis of election data dating back to 2008

#### Citizens for Hawk, Columbus, OH

January 2016-November 2016

Campaign Manager

- Oversaw all aspects of the campaign's day-to-day operations, including staff, scheduling, voter outreach, and fundraising
- Analyzed and organized historical electoral and demographic data to develop voter outreach and messaging strategy
- Coordinated grassroots events and county-wide activities to recruit volunteers, motivate the base, and amplify messaging

#### FABCO, Columbus, OH

June 2008-December 2015

Client Relations & Marketing Coordinator (2013-2015); Customer Service Representative (2008-2012)

- Coordinated strategic planning on the company's core background investigation and account collections functions
- Served as the Columbus Apartment Association Liaison, including participation on the Expo Planning Committee ('13-'15),
   Charity Bowling Committee ('13-'15), and Associate Council ('15)

### Volunteer Experience

# FIRST Robotics, Columbus, OH

December 2015-June 2017

Coach

- Mentored high school students on the strategy of competitive robot functions, construction, and design
- Oversaw the phases of robot construction to ensure student safety and readiness for competition

# Republican Leadership Initiative, Columbus, OH

July 2015-September 2015

Fellow

- Developed training protocols and worked with volunteers to improve execution of grassroots strategy for the 2016 election
- Coordinated local events and house meetings to recruit volunteers and develop base support

#### Education

#### Ohio University, Scripps College of Communication, Athens, OH

September 2008-May 2013

Bachelor of Science in Communication

Ohio University Marching 110 (2008-2013), Tuba Marching Section Leader (2011-2013)



# Kelly Murphy Collins



### **EXPERIENCE**

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy & Commerce

Washington, D.C.

February 2018-Present

- Legislative Clerk, Subcommittees on Energy & Environment
- Organize and maintain all documents and Member question order during hearings
   Serve as the liaison with policy staff and witnesses on hearing procedure questions
- Manage the Chairmen's opening statements, talking points, and speaking time when bills are debated on the Floor

#### (b) (6)

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy & Commerce

Washington, D.C.

Staff Assistant

May 2017-February 2018

- Managed booking and communicating with organizations and vendors for all events in the hearing rooms
- Responsible for the hearing rooms setup and crowd control during hearings
- Provided support to staff by managing master calendar, performing administrative duties, and conducting research

#### (b) (6)

Campaign for Senator Mark Kirk

**Downers Grove, IL** 

Intern for Republican Senator Campaign

October 2016-November 2016

- Educated voters on Senator Kirk's contributions to Illinois
- Made phone calls to residents all over Illinois to gain support for the Senator's reelection
- Traveled throughout DuPage County putting yard signs in front lawns of supporters

#### (b) (6)

The National Association of Broadcasters

Washington, D.C.

Sales Intern

January 2017-May 2017

- Maintain booth personnel for the 1800 different companies exhibiting at annual trade show
- Responsible for collecting large sums of money from companies that are behind inpayments
- Work directly with the Sales Coordinator to manage all questions from companies all over the world

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The Cormac Group

Washington, D.C.

Legislative Assistant

January 2017-February 2017

- Assisted in managing communication between firm partners, clients, congressional officers, and agencies
- Performed industry-specific research for clients

#### (b) (6)

Diversified Reporting Services, Inc.

Alexandria, VA

Transcriber

October 2016-January 2017

- Managed legal audio files and transcribed the appropriate hearings in their proper formats
- Transcribed a multitude of legal interviews, Court and Congressional hearings with exceptional accuracy

#### (b) (6)

### **EDUCATION**

**University of Dayton** 

Dayton, OH

**B.A.** International Studies

May 2016

Concentration: Economics & Finance; Spanish Minor

GPA 3.41 August-December 2014

La Universidad de Granada: Granada, Spain

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Washington Jesuit Academy Auxiliary Board

Washington, D.C.

August 2017-Present

 Assist in fundraising for middle-school boys from low-income families to help provide a thorough education CEQ-19-0030-B-000004

# **SKILLS**

• Fluent in Spanish, Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Prezi, social media, and leadership



# **Lamar Echols**

(b) (6)

# **EXPERIENCE**:

# U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Energy & Commerce

Counsel, February 2017-Present (b) (6)

- Develop and advance the Committee's oversight priorities on issues relating to energy and the environment, including the rebuilding of Puerto Rico's electrical infrastructure, EPA's use of sue and settle practices, EPA's management of grants, EPA contractors, and plans to reorganize EPA.
- Manage congressional hearings by developing hearing topics, selecting witnesses, writing the Chairman's opening statements, and creating hearing questions.
- Draft letters from the Chairman, talking points, and memoranda; conduct research on policy and regulations; and manage document negotiations.
- Collaborate with communications team to develop messaging on oversight issues; edit and approve press releases.

# **Cause of Action Institute**

*Counsel*, July 2016-February 2017 (b) (6)

- Conducted reviews of Executive Branch regulations and programs to advance the goals and priorities of CoA, a non-profit government accountability organization.
- Managed portfolio of issues relating to the environment and healthcare, including researching the impact of Obama Administration environmental regulations on small businesses and developing issues pertaining to the Affordable Care Act.
- Developed issues through research, filing Freedom of Information Act requests, drafting staff reports, composing editorials, and managing document negotiations.

# U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Science, Space, & Technology *Counsel*, January 2015-June 2016 (b) (6)

- Developed oversight strategies and advised Chairman on all aspects of congressional oversight on regulations and programs relating to energy and the environment, including Waters of the United States rule, the environmental impact of the Gold King Mine waste water spill, IRIS risk assessments of chemicals, and EPA's management of records.
- Managed congressional hearings, including developing hearing topics, selecting witnesses, writing the Chairman's opening statements, and creating hearing questions.
- Spoke with media regarding a variety of issues; edited and approved press releases.
- Led depositions and transcribed interviews; managed document reviews and developed strategy for receiving productions; drafted letters from the Chairman, talking points, and subpoenas.



# U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Oversight & Government Reform Counsel, May 2013-January 2015 (b) (6)

- Managed all aspects of congressional investigations of Executive Branch, including the legality of the White House Office of Political Affairs, Hatch Act violations in federal agencies by cabinet secretaries, contract fraud, and issues relating to Inspector Generals.
- Drafted letters from the Chairman, Committee reports, and subpoenas.
- Managed document reviews and negotiated document productions.
- Prepared and staffed Congressional hearings, including briefing the Chairman and Members on subject matter, drafting the Chairman's opening statements, writing Republican guidance, and developing hearing questions.

# **Mitt Romney for President**

National Regional Political Director, May 2012-November 2012 (b) (6)
Georgia & Louisiana State Director, October 2011-April 2012

- Directed political operations for 20 states in South, Midwest, and Northeast, including developing grassroots organizations and building relationships with elected officials, state party leadership, RNC members, delegates, and key activists.
- Managed Hampton Roads region of Virginia Victory operations beginning in September 2012 and directed a staff of 11 by Election Day, resulting in increased voter contacts, including one office knocking on over 15,000 doors in one day.
- During primary, managed all aspects of campaign operations in Georgia and Louisiana, including securing endorsements, developing grassroots organizations, absentee ballot program, and coordinating voter contact operations.

# Conrad Lucas for Congress, Third Congressional District of West Virginia General Counsel, November 2009-June 2010

- Advised campaign on numerous areas of Federal Election Commission (FEC) regulations, drafted and filed FEC reports, and reviewed contracts.
- Drafted and reviewed press releases, and developed policy memoranda.

# U.S. General Services Administration, Office of Congressional Affairs

Special Assistant, August 2008-January 2009 (b) (6)

- Tracked legislation and coordinated agency's response to congressional requests for information and briefings.
- Represented agency on Capitol Hill regarding a variety of issues including transparency, efficiency of federal buildings, and stimulus funding.

# **EDUCATION**:

**Tulane University Law School**, New Orleans, LA *Juris Doctor*, May 2007

**Auburn University**, Auburn, AL *Bachelor of Arts in History*, May 2002

# **LICENSURES**:

Licensed to practice law in Georgia



# Theresa L. Pettigrew

(b) (6)

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Office of U.S. Senator John Cornyn of Texas, Washington, D.C.

Energy, Environment, & Natural Resources Legislative Assistant: October 2009-September 2015

- Subject matter expert and lead policy advisor for highly active portfolio of Energy; Environment; Natural Resources; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Indian Affairs issues.
  - o Interacted daily with agencies, congressional staff, and stakeholders regarding federal rulemakings and legislation.
  - Drafted bills and amendments; policy memos, briefing papers, floor speeches, hearing statements, and letters to agencies; prepared voting recommendations on legislation and nominees before the Senate.
  - o Analyzed legislation and federal regulations; researched, formulated and recommended policy positions.
  - Took legislation from initial drafting to final passage. Understanding of the congressional decision-making process, working with relevant committees and offices, caucuses, stakeholders, and on a bicameral and bipartisan basis.
- Communicated Senator's policy positions with diverse audiences, internally and with federal, state, and local officials; business and constituent stakeholders.
  - o Represented Senator's views and advocated for state interests with related federal agencies, and with the Environment & Public Works; Energy & Natural Resources; and Finance Committees; and through participation in the Senate Western Caucus.
  - Cultivated opportunities to build relationships on shared policy goals, such as regional and economic issues.
  - Wrote, reviewed, edited, and approved press statements, articles, speeches and newsletters to ensure accuracy and suitability for intended audiences as part of daily responsibilities.
- Coordinated daily with Senator's multiple office staffs (leadership/floor, press office, schedulers, state offices, and supervisors to ensure Senator had relevant materials and staffing for votes, speeches, events, and meetings.
- Exercised judgment and discretion pertaining to recommendations and participation in meetings with the Senator and high-ranking government officials; Members of Congress; and CEOs.
- Supervised direct reports; assigned constituent meetings and briefing materials preparation; recommended content, edited and approved constituent response letters with additional managers on weekly basis.



# Office of U.S. Congressman Joe Barton (6th District-Texas), Washington, D.C.

Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director: January 2009-October 2009/May 2004-October 2009

- Managed legislative agenda for former Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee.
- Served as liaison with committee staff director and counsels to effectuate policy outcomes, and ensure district interests were represented.
- Lead policy advisor for energy and telecommunications policy within the office.
- Reviewed and negotiated edits among multiple staffs for all policy content in press statements, hearing statements, floor speeches, articles, and newsletters.
- Supervised legislative team; managed constituent mail system.

# Legislative Assistant: November 2001-May 2004

- Lead policy advisor to the Congressman during his service on the House Science & Technology Committee, and Subcommittee on Space & Aeronautics.
- Additional issue focus included transportation, homeland security, taxes and immigration issues

# Legislative Correspondent: January 2001-November 2001

- Researched and composed letters on wide range of policy issues, most notably tax and immigration.
- Initiated and completed office overhaul of constituent mail system policies; established standardized system for mail entry, proofing of constituent response letters, postcards and form letters.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

<u>European Union Visitors Programme – Brussels, Belgium and Strasbourg, France</u> Awarded Competitive Fellowship – September 2010

Explored topics of energy security; climate change; alternative energy; and energy efficiency through meetings with the European Commission, Members of the European Parliament, and the Council of the European Union.

#### **EDUCATION**

<u>Texas A&M University - Commerce, Texas</u>

Bachelor of Arts: Political Science and History: December 1997

Dean's List recipient; Academic Peer Advisor; Student Senator



#### VIKTORIA ZIEBARTH SEALE

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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WASHINGTON, DC Deputy General Counsel, June 2017 – present

Annual Salary (b) (6)

- Manage and supervise CEQ's legal team and serve as the acting General Counsel
- Act as a legal and policy advisor to senior officials in CEQ and work with officials of other components within the Executive Office of the President and federal agencies
- Assist in managing CEQ's initiatives and formulating policies related to the National Environmental Policy Act and other environmental laws
- Represent CEQ in interagency matters including, but not limited to, the interagency review of agencies' regulations during the rulemaking process
- Serve as CEQ's Chief Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer and oversee the processing and adjudication of FOIA requests
- Serve as CEQ's Designated Agency Ethics Official and manage the agency's ethics program to ensure employees' compliance with all ethics statutes, regulations, and executive orders
- Represent CEQ as counsel in litigation where CEQ is a defendant and work with attorneys at the Department of Justice to formulate positions and draft various documents
- Provide advice to the Chief of Staff, the Administrative Officer, and others on legal issues associated with CEQ's operations (i.e. hiring, travel regulations, etc.)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS, WASHINGTON, DC Chairman Sam Graves (2012-2014), Chairman Steve Chabot (2015-2017)
Senior Counsel, Majority Staff, July 2016 – June 2017

Annual Salary (b) (6)

Counsel, Majority Staff, January 2012 – July 2016

Annual Salary (b) (6)

- Served as the primary policy advisor to chairman, subcommittee chairs and committee members on regulations, regulatory process, and regulatory reform legislation
- Planned and executed full committee and subcommittee hearings on a variety of issues including environmental, labor, workplace safety, and transportation rules, as well as markups of legislation
- Worked collaboratively with staff from other committees and leadership offices on projects, including Speaker Paul Ryan's Task Force that produced "A Better Way" agenda on growing the economy
- Reviewed, analyzed, and drafted memoranda, regulatory comments, and oversight letters on a variety
  of topics including agency compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Paperwork Reduction
  Act, and executive orders on regulatory review
- Performed legal research and analysis, evaluated policy options, provided recommendations, and drafted documents including, legislative text, legislative analysis, talking points, and floor statements
- Advised and assisted the Chairman with the introduction of the *Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act* in the 115th (H.R. 33) and the 114th Congresses (H.R. 527), management of Committee floor time for the bill, which passed the House in 2017 as title III of H.R. 5 and as a standalone bill in 2015, and worked collaboratively with majority staff of the Committee on the Judiciary to move the bills through the House; organized and executed the successful markup of the *Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013* (H.R. 2542) which was favorably reported by the Committee in 2013 and passed the House twice in 2014 as part of two legislative packages

# SUMNER, SCHICK & PACE LLP, DALLAS, TX Contract Attorney (Robert Half International), December 2010 – October 2011 Hourly Salary (6) (6)

• Reviewed documents for a multimillion dollar complex commercial arbitration case; researched factual issues and identified documents for use in pleadings, depositions, and expert reports

DCBA LAW & POLICY, ARLINGTON, VA
Summer Law Clerk, June – August 2009
Hourly Salary (5) (6)

• Researched and wrote legal memoranda on the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act

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 Prepared legal documents including an application for a non-profit corporation to obtain section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and an operating agreement to form a limited liability company

# U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON, DC Director of Regional Affairs, Office of Advocacy, June 2004 – August 2007 Annual Salary (b) (6)

- Managed a team of 11 experienced professionals including 10 regional advocates and the regulatory
  and legislative counsel for regional affairs and set priorities for regional team's work with federal,
  state and local officials, small business owners, chambers of commerce, and trade associations
- Oversaw regulatory reform model legislation initiative resulting in 22 new state laws and executive orders; researched and analyzed state statutes to determine how to incorporate new provisions
- Represented the office before federal agency staff, state legislators, and public policy organizations **Special Assistant to the Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy**, **April 2002 – June 2004**Annual Salary (b) (6)
- Prepared and staffed the Chief Counsel for meetings with members of Congress, state and local officials, trade associations, chambers of commerce, and small business owners
- Wrote memoranda, talking points and speeches for the Chief Counsel and reviewed all correspondence and legislative testimony produced by the office

# THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, WASHINGTON, DC Events Coordinator, Special Events Office, March 2000 – April 2002 Annual Salary (6) (6)

• Coordinated logistical planning for events, negotiated contracts with vendors to provide on-site support for event management and helped prepare office's budget of over \$1 million

Research Assistant to the President, President's Office, December 1998 – March 2000 Annual Salary (b) (6)

- Researched and prepared speeches and talking points and drafted other documents **Scheduler**, **Development Office**, **May December 1998**Annual Salary (6) (6)
- Scheduled and coordinated donor meetings and assisted with major donor events *Membership Coordinator*, *Development Office*, August 1997 – May 1998 Annual Salary (6)
- Wrote letters to donors in response to questions on a wide variety of policy issues

## **EDUCATION**

# CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CHICAGO, IL Juris Doctor, May 2010

• Legal Extern, Husch Blackwell LLP, Chicago, IL, January – May 2010; Corporate Law Extern, Accenture LLP and DLA Piper LLP, Chicago, IL, August – November 2009; Judicial Extern, Honorable Richard D. Cudahy, U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, Chicago, IL, January – May 2009; Dean's Honor List (5 of 6 semesters)

University of Augsburg, Augsburg, Germany
European and International Economic Law Program, Summer 2008

RHODES COLLEGE, MEMPHIS, TN Bachelor of Arts, International Studies, May 1997

#### **ACTIVITIES, AWARDS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Women in Government Relations; The Federalist Society; Rhodes College, Outstanding Service Award, Recipient, 2008

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Choice-of-Law Rules in Bankruptcy: An Opportunity for Congress to Resolve Conflicting Approaches, 5 SEVENTH CIRCUIT REV. 309 (2010)

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State Bar of Texas, Bar Card No. 24075333, November 2010



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